

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A film holder for holding a transparency, the film holder being adapted to be put on an original bed of a flatbed image reader which is capable of reading the transparency and includes a read area corresponding to frames, the number of and length of which are is half the number of and half the length of frames of one roll of a strip film, the film holder comprising:

a strip film holder mechanism for holding the strip film in a longitudinal direction, which is provided at a position where:

when a first corner of the film holder is matched with a first corner of the original bed which has the same positional relationship as the first corner of the film holder, a first frame group having one half of the frames of the strip film is contained in the read area, and

when a second corner of the film holder which is opposite to the first corner of the film holder in the longitudinal direction is matched with a second corner of the original bed which is opposite to the first corner of the original bed in a lateral direction, a second frame group having the other half of the frames of the strip film is contained in the read area.

2. (Previously presented) The film holder according to claim 1 further comprising:
a pair of guide parts between the first and second corners of the film holder,
wherein one of the guide parts closed to the first corner indicates the second frame group and the other of the guide parts closed to the second corner indicates the first frame group.

3. (Previously presented) The film holder according to claim 1 further comprising:
a slide film holder mechanism for holding a slide film,
wherein the film holder mechanism is provided at a position where
when a third corner at a diagonal position to the first corner of the film holder is matched with the first corner of the original bed or a fourth corner of the film

holder which is opposite to the first corner in the lateral direction is matched with the second corner of the original bed, the slide film is contained in the read area.

4. (Previously presented) The film holder according to claim 3 further comprising:
a guide part between the third and fourth corners of the film holder,
wherein the guide part indicates frames of the slide film.

5. (Currently amended) An image reader comprising:

a flatbed image reader main unit including an original bed on which an original is to be put and a read area corresponding to frames, the number of and length of which are is half the number of and half the length of frames of one roll of a strip film and capable of reading a transparency;

a film holder for holding the transparency adapted to be placed on the original bed, the film holder including a strip film holder mechanism for holding the strip film in a longitudinal direction, which is provided at a position where,

when a first corner of the film holder is matched with a first corner of the original bed which has the same positional relationship as the first corner of the film holder, a first frame group having one half of the frames of the strip film is contained in the read area, and

when a second corner of the film holder which is opposite to the first corner of the film holder in the longitudinal direction is matched with a second corner of the original bed which is opposite to the first corner of the original bed in a lateral direction, a second frame group having frames the other half of the frames of the strip film is contained in the read area,

wherein the film holder includes a pair of guide parts between the first and second corners of the film holder, in which a first of the guide parts closed to the first corner indicates the second frame group and a second of the guide parts closed to the second corner indicates the first frame group, and

wherein the original bed includes:

a first guide indication part for indicating the first frame group at a position corresponding to the second of the guide parts when the first corner of the film holder is matched with the first corner of the original bed; and

a second guide indication part for indicating the second frame group at a position corresponding to the first of the guide parts when the second corner of the film holder is matched with the second corner of the original bed.

6. (Previously presented) The image reader according to claim 5, wherein the film holder further comprises:

a slide film holder mechanism for holding a slide film, wherein the film holder mechanism is provided at a position where, when a third corner at a diagonal position to the first corner of the film holder is matched with the first corner of the original bed or a fourth corner of the film holder which is opposite to the first corner in the lateral direction is matched with the second corner of the original bed, the slide film is contained in the read area;

a third guide part provided between the third and fourth corners of the film holder, and

wherein the original bed includes a third guide indication part for indicating the frame of the slide film at a position corresponding to the third guide part when the third corner of the film holder is matched with the first corner of the original bed or the fourth corner of the film holder is matched with the second corner of the original bed.

7. (Currently amended) A film holder for holding a transparency, the film holder being adapted to be put on an original bed of a flatbed image reader which is capable of reading the transparency and includes a read area corresponding to frames, the number of and length of which are is half the number of and half the length of frames of one roll of a strip film, the film holder comprising:

a strip film holder mechanism for holding the strip film in a longitudinal direction, which is provided at a position where

when a first corner of the film holder is matched with a first corner of the original bed which has the same positional relationship as the first corner of the film holder, a first frame group having one half of the frames of the strip film is contained in the read area,

when a second corner of the film holder which is opposite to the first corner of the film holder in the longitudinal direction is matched with a second corner of the original bed which is opposite to the first corner of the original bed in a lateral direction, a second frame group having the other half of the frames of the strip film is contained in the read area; and

an identification hole provided in the proximity of the strip film holder mechanism at a position contained in the read area when the first corner of the film holder is matched with the first corner of the original bed, or at a position contained in the read area when the second corner of the film holder is matched with the second corner of the original bed.

8. (Currently amended) An image read controller for controlling a flatbed image reader which has a read area corresponding to frames, the number of and length of which are is half the number of and half the length of frames of one roll of a strip film and can read a transparency, the image read controller comprising:

a determination unit that determines whether or not an image of an identification hole exists at a position of an image of the strip film read by the image reader corresponding to a predetermined position in the read area; and

a preview unit that previews the frames of the read strip film while changing the display order and the rotation direction of the frames in response to the determination result of the determination unit.

9. (Previously presented) The image read controller according to claim 8, wherein the preview unit previews the frames with the frames rotated 90 degrees in the read order or with the frames rotated -90 degrees in the order reverse to the read order in response to the determination result of the determination unit.

10. (Currently amended) A recording medium storing a program for causing a computer to function as an image read controller for controlling a flatbed image reader which has a read area corresponding to frames, the number of and length of which are ~~is~~ half the number of frames of and half the length of one roll of a strip film and can read a transparency, the program causing the computer to function as:

a determination unit that determines whether or not an image of an identification hole exists at a position of an image of the strip film read by the image reader corresponding to a predetermined position in the read area; and

a preview unit that previews the frames of the read strip film while changing the display order and the rotation direction of the frames in response to the determination result of the determination unit.